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New Hampshire: Compliance Assistance Metrics Software
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**Quarterly Reporting Form for EPA's
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Grants**

Reporting Period: Year: FFY'02
☐ Oct-Dec (due last working day Jan)
X Jan-Mar (due last working day Apr)
☐ Apr-Jun (due last working day Jul)
☐ Jul-Sep (due last working day Oct)

I. Information

State and Department: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES")

Title of Project: NHDES Compliance Measures Project -- Measuring the Effectiveness of
NH's "Partial" Inspection, Risk-Based Facility Targeting, and Compliance Assistance/
Pollution Prevention Strategies

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Funds Received by State (Date and amount): 3/23/00 - \$85,000 pass-through to NEWMOA;
9/21/01 - \$70,000 awarded, 10/8/01 - \$15,000 final award, amounts formally accepted/
budgeted in February 2002

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II. Status of Project Milestones

Each milestone for the entire project should be entered into this table at the beginning of the grant period and should appear in every quarterly report (unless it is dropped from the project). With each quarterly report fill in dates or add milestones as appropriate. If dates or milestones are adjusted in subsequent reports, please indicate this in the comment field or in text below the table.

Project Milestones	Anticipated Completion Date	Completion Date	Comments
<i>Phase I – Refining Project Purpose and Scope</i>			
Determine appropriate contractor	*	06/01/00	* 1 st rpt submitted using this format
Initial meeting w/ contractor	*	07/17/00	* 1 st rpt submitted using this format
Provide information to contractor	*	02/01	* 1 st rpt submitted using this format
Draft Phase I report from contractor	*	02/15/01	* 1 st rpt submitted using this format
Final Phase I report from contractor	*	04/30/01	* 1 st rpt submitted using this format
Review Phase I Report Findings	*	06/29/01	* 1 st rpt submitted using this format
<i>Phase II – Implementation of Project</i>			
Determine scope of Phase II	07/31/01	10/04/01	Difficult to meet over summer

Accept grant monies, create position	02/28/02	02/20/02	Need multiple approvals (Date previously shown for completion (02/28/01) was a typographical error.)
Revise inspection checklists	04/30/02		
Create compliance survey	04/30/02		
Field-test compliance survey	04/30/02		
Stakeholder involvement	04/30/02		
Implement compliance survey	08/30/02		
Create MTS Compliance Module	12/31/02		
Determine baseline compliance rates	03/31/03		

[**Bold face** indicates item added since last report.]

III. Status of Project Completion.

Anticipated project completion date: 03/31/03

If this anticipated date is later than the date reported on the last report, please explain.

Erroneously indicated project completion date as 12/31/02 in last report; project completion date has to reflect analysis of data collected and input into database.

IV. Results:

*Describe results and attach additional information if necessary. Examples of results for **outcome measurement** might include progress on major milestones such as data on improvements from enforcement or compliance assurance activities, establishment of a baseline for compliance rate, development of a data system, completed methodology, survey design complete, or survey results obtained. Examples of results from **data quality** might include actual improvements in data quality or completeness, use of the data for program management. Examples of results from **public access** might include successfully making information available or statistics on the actual use of the information by the public (e.g., website hits).*

From the end of the last reporting period through the end of the current reporting period (11/15/01 - 03/31/02), the workgroup has focused on developing a set of compliance indicator questions ("CIQs"). Working from the full compliance inspection checklist for hazardous waste generators (which we augmented with several "beyond compliance" and pollution prevention questions), we are developing 10 CIQs to be representative of basic compliance areas and beyond compliance activities.¹ Using the CIQs, we plan to randomly survey hazardous waste generators this summer to generate data that can be used to determine a baseline compliance indicator rate. We also plan to conduct the survey annually or semi-annually thereafter, in order to identify trends and areas where program resources should be directed. Prior to full-scale

¹The CIQs are similar to the Environmental Business Practice Indicators ("EBPIs") developed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. However, the CIQs developed by NHDES focus on all types of hazardous waste generators rather than covering multi-media aspects of a single sector (e.g., printers, dry cleaners) as is the case with the EBPIs.

implementation, we will be field testing the survey at a limited number of facilities to ensure that the questions can be asked in a reasonable amount of time and in a way that will minimize subjectivity.

During the current reporting period, we also have completed the formal processes for accepting and budgeting the grant monies and establishing the Systems Development Specialist IV position that will be responsible for developing the database to accept the results of the CIQ surveys as well as results of full inspections. A updated chart showing more detail is attached.

V. Other

Reports should be sent to your EPA Regional Project Officer, and to David Piantanida at the email or address below.

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